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**Vygon Earns New Innovative Technology Designation from Novation
for Nutrisafe 2**

Lansdale, PA; December 3, 2013 – Vygon announced today that its Nutrisafe 2 product received a new Innovative Technology designation from Novation, the leading health care supply chain expertise, analytics and contracting company for the more than 100,000 members and affiliates of VHA Inc., UHC, Children’s Hospital Association, and Provista.

The significant designation is only provided to a small portion of products that are already available on contract through Novation. As part of the recent Novation Innovative Technology Expo, the products were thoroughly evaluated and reviewed by hospital member-led councils and found to have an incremental benefit over other products that improve patient care or reduce the risk of harm to patients and care givers. The products are now designated with a new Innovative Technology icon in the Novation online contract catalog making them easy to identify.

Michael Chow, Senior Product Manager of Vygon, commented "We understand that hospitals have their choice of safety enteral feeding systems so we are pleased that Nutrisafe 2 has been recognized as New Innovation Technology by Novation. The Nutrisafe 2 Safety Enteral Feeding System will allow hospitals to better protect their babies in the NICU by using a lockable non-luer enteral feeding system to significantly reduce the possibility of misconnection errors and make accidental disconnection nearly impossible."

The Nutrisafe 2 Safety Enteral Feeding System is a lockable non-luer enteral feeding system for ensuring patient safety in the neonatal and pediatric intensive care units (NICU and PICU). The Nutrisafe 2 System removes the ability to connect to a standard 6% luer fitting and as a result, the risk of accidental misconnection between an intra-venous system and an enteral system, which may result in serious injury or death, is nearly eliminated. The Nutrisafe 2 System is accepted worldwide and has been protecting patients with more than 55 million connections.

"In addition to evaluating new technologies not on contract, we are pleased to recognize products already on contract that meet the strenuous hospital member-based requirements to be considered through the Innovative Technology program," said Debbie Archer, director, procurement and innovative technology, Novation.



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Vygon is a leading global provider of specialty medical devices and sterile procedure kits & trays for a range of procedures in vascular access, hemodialysis, regional anesthesia, digestive, urology, and respiratory for the neonatal, pediatric, and adult markets. Our mission is to provide caregivers with innovative, high-quality, disposable medical products that enable them to better care for their patients. With global headquarters in Ecouen, France and US headquarters in Lansdale, PA, Vygon employs approximately 1800 people worldwide and serves healthcare providers in more than 100 countries. For additional information about Vygon, please refer to www.vygonusa.com.

About Novation, Winner of the Ethics Inside® Certification

Founded in 1998, Novation is the leading health care supply chain expertise, analytics and contracting company for the more than 100,000 members and affiliates of VHA Inc. and UHC, two national health care alliances, Children's Hospital Association, an alliance of the nation's leading pediatric facilities, and Provista, LLC. Novation provides alliance members with sourcing services, as well as information and data services. Based in Irving, Texas, Novation develops and manages competitive contracts with more than 600 suppliers. VHA, UHC, and Provista members used Novation contracts to purchase approximately \$43 billion in 2012. Novation has earned the coveted Ethics Inside® Certification from Ethisphere Institute, a leading international think tank dedicated to the research and promotion of best practices in corporate ethics and compliance. Novation also was named on Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Companies list, and is the only company in the health care industry to earn both distinctions for two consecutive years. To learn more about Novation, please visit www.novationco.com and follow @NovationNews.

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